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Serial No. 09/927,047
Applicant: Mashayekhi et al.
Filed: August 9, 2001
Invention: Failover System and Method for Cluster Environment

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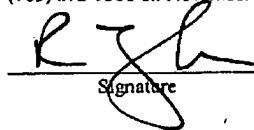
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including November 1, 2004. Applicants note that November 1, 2004 is the first business day following October 30, 2004, which was a Saturday. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.0672) of Baker Botts L.L.P. in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.

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